

casualty from the war in Afghanistan. We were all devastated by this loss, but our community is very strong.

Mr. Speaker, on September 11, they held a great local tribute to this fallen hero at Gibbs High School, on the football field. And on September 21, I also attended his funeral as he was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

Today, we honor him and 12 fellow heroes further by passing this legislation. The true heroes in this country are the men and women of our Armed Forces. They are the ones who keep us free. Their patriotism and bravery have kept us safe every day.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. WEBER), my friend and colleague, a classmate of mine.

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, little that we can do here today is going to make a difference in what those families endured. We can only supply a small token of our appreciation for the greatest fighting force of men and women on the planet.

I want you to think with me for a second here. When the world has a calamity, it doesn't matter whether it is a hurricane, whether it is a tsunami, whether it is an earthquake, whether it is pestilence, famine, or rebellion, invasion. When the world has a calamity and they dial 911, who is it that answers? It is the United States of America, isn't it? With the greatest fighting force of men and women this world has ever known.

When America is safe, the world is a safer place. To the families, the Gold Star families, whose family members gave all, we owe them a debt of gratitude, and not just us, but the world as well.

Mr. Speaker, may God bless them, and may they rest in peace.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close.

Mr. Speaker, I simply urge my colleagues to support H.R. 5142 to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal in commemoration of the servicemembers who perished in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I simply ask all of my colleagues, all the Members of this House, to support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, the book of Isaiah recounts how the prophet Isaiah began his service. In a time of darkness, the Lord asks, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" Isaiah's response was to volunteer for service: "Here am I; send me."

When their nation called them to serve, so said a generation of American

servicemembers, diplomats and intelligence officers: "Here am I; send me."

Two months ago tomorrow, thirteen of those servicemembers were killed as they helped bring nearly 130,000 Americans, allies and Afghan partners to safety.

That action was one of profound valor, selflessness and sacrifice, for which the Congress and Country are united in grief and in gratitude.

We salute and pray for: Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Darin T. Hoover (Salt Lake City, Utah); Marine Corps Sgt. Johanny [jo-HAN-nee] Rosario Pichardo (Lawrence, Massachusetts); Marine Corps Sgt. Nicole L. Gee [JEE] (Sacramento, California); Marine Corps Cpl. Hunter Lopez (Indio, California); Marine Corps Cpl. Daegan [day-gan] Page (Omaha, Nebraska); Marine Corps Cpl. Humberto A. Sanchez (Logansport, Indiana); Marine Corps Lance Cpl. David L. Espinoza (Rio Bravo, Texas); Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jared M. Schmitz (St. Charles, Missouri); Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Rylee J. McCollum (Jackson, Wyoming); Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Dylan R. Merola (Rancho Cucamonga, California); Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Kareem M. Nikoui [neh-KOO-ee] (Norco, California); Navy Hospitalman Maxton W. Soviak (Berlin Heights, Ohio); and Army Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knauss [kuh-nows] (Corryton, Tennessee).

Today, we honor their heroism by awarding them the Congressional Gold Medal: the highest honor that the Congress can bestow.

Their service brings great honor to our country, and their being awarded this honor brings luster to this award.

As we honor the heroism of the fallen, we salute each member of our military, intelligence and diplomatic communities who conducted this evacuation—and all who have served or are serving our country.

We pray for all fighting for our freedoms and for their families. And we pray for the people of Afghanistan and in the region.

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, on August 26th, 13 American families experienced the worst day of their lives.

They received the knock on the door that every parent of a servicemember prays will never come.

For those families, the conversation that followed was the most devastating news a person can receive: their child has been killed.

One of the marines we lost that day was Lance Corporal Jared Schmitz from Wentzville in Missouri's Third Congressional District.

Lance Corporal Schmitz was just 20 years old when the military transferred him from Jordan to Afghanistan during the U.S. evacuation.

Shortly after arriving in Kabul, Jared died while achieving his lifelong goal of serving the American People in the United States Marine Corps.

Because of Jared's and his fellow servicemembers' sacrifice, thousands of Americans were able to return home safely.

They ensured that thousands of families did not get the heartbreaking news Jared's parents received early in the morning of August 27th.

Because our servicemembers displayed a bravery most of us are not capable of, countless kids saw their mom and dad again.

Brothers reunited with their sisters.

And terrified parents got to hug their children after days of worrying that day would never come.

Nothing we can say on this floor will erase the pain far too many military families live with every day.

No amount of gratitude nor a Congressional Gold Medal will change the fact that the Schmitz family and 12 others will forever have an unfillable hole in their hearts.

But what we can do with this bill is remind them of what they hopefully already know: their loved-one represents the best of us.

They are the American heroes who allow 300 million people to live freely in the greatest country in the history of the world.

Their loss is absolutely heartbreaking, but their sacrifice and their lives will never be forgotten.

They will be remembered as the heroes they are and will live in the hearts of millions of grateful Americans forever.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5142, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

□ 1800

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 117-67)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the Federal Register for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, is to continue in effect beyond October 27, 2021.

The situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which has been marked by widespread violence and atrocities that continue to threaten regional stability, continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared

in Executive Order 13413 with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, October 25, 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would inform the House that, pursuant to House Resolution 730, the Speaker has certified to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia the refusal of Stephen K. Bannon to produce documents in compliance with a subpoena to the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CASTEN) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

SOVEREIGN DEBT CONTRACT CAPACITY ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4111) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to direct the United States Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund to advocate that the Fund provide technical assistance to Fund members seeking to enhance their capacity to evaluate the legal and financial terms of sovereign debt contracts, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 391, nays 29, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 332]

YEAS—391

Adams	Axne	Beatty
Aderholt	Babin	Bentz
Aguilar	Bacon	Bera
Allen	Baird	Bergman
Allred	Balderson	Beyer
Amodei	Banks	Bice (OK)
Armstrong	Barr	Bilirakis
Arrington	Barragán	Bishop (GA)
Auchincloss	Bass	Blumenauer

Blunt Rochester	Garcia (CA)	Malliotakis
Bonamici	Garcia (IL)	Maloney
Bost	Garcia (TX)	Carolyn B.
Bourdeaux	Jimenez	Maloney, Sean
Bowman	Golden	Mann
Boyle, Brendan	Gomez	Manning
F.	Gonzales, Tony	Mast
Brady	Gonzalez (OH)	Matsui
Brown	Gonzalez	McBath
Brownley	Vicente	McCarthy
Buchanan	Gooden (TX)	McCaul
Bucshon	Gottheimer	McClain
Budd	Granger	McCollum
Burchett	Graves (LA)	McEachin
Burgess	Graves (MO)	McGovern
Bush	Green (TN)	McHenry
Butterfield	Green, Al (TX)	McKinley
Calvert	Griffith	McNerney
Carbajal	Grijalva	Meeks
Cárdenas	Grothman	Meijer
Carl	Guest	Meng
Carson	Guthrie	Meuser
Carter (GA)	Hagedorn	Mfume
Carter (LA)	Harder (CA)	Miller (WV)
Carter (TX)	Harshbarger	Miller-Meeks
Cartwright	Hartzler	Moolenaar
Case	Hayes	Mooney
Casten	Hern	Moore (AL)
Castor (FL)	Herrera Beutler	Moore (UT)
Chabot	Higgins (NY)	Moore (WI)
Chu	Hill	Morelle
Ciциlline	Himes	Moulton
Clark (MA)	Hinson	Mrvan
Clarke (NY)	Hollingsworth	Mullin
Cleaver	Horsford	Murphy (FL)
Clyburn	Houlahan	Murphy (NC)
Clyde	Hoyer	Nadler
Cohen	Hudson	Napolitano
Cole	Huffman	Neal
Comer	Huizenga	Neguse
Connolly	Issa	Newhouse
Cooper	Jackson Lee	Newman
Correa	Jacobs (CA)	Norcross
Costa	Jacobs (NY)	Nunes
Courtney	Jayapal	O'Halleran
Craig	Jeffries	Obernolte
Crawford	Johnson (GA)	Ocasio-Cortez
Crenshaw	Johnson (OH)	Omar
Crist	Johnson (SD)	Owens
Crow	Johnson (TX)	Palazzo
Cuellar	Jones	Pallone
Curtis	Joyce (OH)	Palmer
Davids (KS)	Joyce (PA)	Panetta
Davidson	Kahele	Pappas
Davis, Danny K.	Kaptur	Pascarell
Davis, Rodney	Katko	Payne
Dean	Keating	Perlmutter
DeFazio	Keller	Peters
DeGette	Kelly (IL)	Pfleger
DeLauro	Kelly (MS)	Phillips
DeBene	Kelly (PA)	Pingree
Delgado	Khanna	Pocan
Demings	Kildee	Porter
DeSaulnier	Kilmer	Posey
DesJarlais	Kim (CA)	Pressley
Deutch	Kim (NJ)	Price (NC)
Diaz-Balart	Kind	Quigley
Dingell	Kirkpatrick	Raskin
Doggett	Krishnamoorthi	Reed
Donalds	Kuster	Reschenthaler
Doyle, Michael	Kustoff	Rice (NY)
F.	LaHood	Rice (SC)
Dunn	LaMalfa	Rodgers (WA)
Elizy	Lamb	Rogers (AL)
Emmer	Lamborn	Rogers (KY)
Escobar	Langevin	Rose
Eshoo	Larsen (WA)	Ross
Espallat	Larson (CT)	Rouzer
Estes	Latta	Roybal-Allard
Evans	LaTurner	Ruiz
Fallon	Lawrence	Ruppersberger
Feenstra	Lawson (FL)	Rush
Ferguson	Lee (CA)	Rutherford
Fischbach	Lee (NV)	Ryan
Fitzgerald	Leger Fernandez	Salazar
Fitzpatrick	Letlow	Sánchez
Fleischmann	Levin (CA)	Sarbanes
Fletcher	Levin (MI)	Scalise
Fortenberry	Lieu	Scanlon
Foster	Lofgren	Schakowsky
Fox	Long	Schiff
Frankel, Lois	Loudermilk	Schneider
Franklin, C.	Lowenthal	Schrader
Scott	Lucas	Schrier
Fulcher	Luetkemeyer	Schweikert
Gallagher	Luria	Scott (VA)
Gallego	Lynch	Scott, Austin
Garamendi	Mace	Scott, David
Garbarino	Malinowski	Sessions

Sewell	Swalwell	Walberg
Sherman	Takano	Walorski
Sherrill	Taylor	Waltz
Simpson	Tenney	Wasserman
Sires	Thompson (CA)	Schultz
Slotkin	Thompson (MS)	Waters
Smith (MO)	Thompson (PA)	Watson Coleman
Smith (NE)	Timmons	Weber (TX)
Smith (NJ)	Titus	Webster (FL)
Smith (WA)	Tlaib	Welch
Smucker	Tonko	Wenstrup
Soto	Torres (CA)	Westerman
Spanberger	Torres (NY)	Wexton
Spartz	Trahan	Wild
Stansbury	Trone	Williams (GA)
Stanton	Turner	Williams (TX)
Stauber	Underwood	Wilson (FL)
Steel	Upton	Wilson (SC)
Stefanik	Van Drew	Wittman
Steil	Van Duyne	Womack
Steube	Vargas	Yarmuth
Stevens	Veasey	Young
Stewart	Vela	Zeldin
Strickland	Velázquez	
Suozi	Wagner	

NAYS—29

Biggs	Gohmert	Jordan
Bishop (NC)	Good (VA)	Lesko
Boebert	Gosar	Massie
Brooks	Greene (GA)	McClintock
Buck	Harris	Miller (IL)
Cammack	Herrell	Norman
Cawthorn	Hice (GA)	Perry
Cline	Higgins (LA)	Roy
Duncan	Jackson	Tiffany
Gaetz	Johnson (LA)	

NOT VOTING—11

Bustos	Gibbs	Rosendale
Castro (TX)	Kinzinger	Speier
Cheney	Nehls	Valadao
Cloud	Pence	

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Mr. CLINE changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Barragán (Beyer)	Jackson Lee	Moulton
Boyle, Brendan	(Cicilline)	(Wexton)
F. (Jeffries)	Johnson (TX)	Pascarell (Kildee)
Buchanan	Jeffries	Payne (Pallone)
(Waltz)	Kahele (Jacobs)	Porter (Wexton)
Butterfield	(CA)	Rodgers (WA)
(Kildee)	Kelly (IL) (Blunt)	(Joyce (PA))
Cárdenas	Rochester)	Rush
(Gomez)	Khanna (Lee)	(Underwood)
Cleaver (Davids)	(CA)	Schneider
(KS)	Kind (Connolly)	(Wasserman)
Costa (Correa)	Kirkpatrick	Schultz)
Crist (Castor)	(Stanton)	Scott, David
(FL)	LaHood (Miller)	(McGovern)
Davis, Danny K.	(WV)	Sires (Pallone)
(Underwood)	Lawrence	Smucker (Joyce)
DeFazio (Brown)	(Beatty)	(PA)
DeSaulnier	Lawson (FL)	Takano
(Beyer)	(Soto)	(Cicilline)
DesJarlais	Lieu (Beyer)	Thompson (PA)
(Fleischmann)	Lofgren (Jeffries)	(Reschenthaler)
Doggett (Raskin)	Luetkemeyer	Trahan (Lynch)
Frankel, Lois	(Long)	Walorski
(Clark (MA))	Malinowski	(Bucshon)
Fulcher (Johnson)	(Pallone)	Watson Coleman
(OH)	McEachin	(Pallone)
Green (TN)	(Wexton)	Williams (GA)
(Joyce (PA))	Meng (Jeffries)	(Jacobs (CA))
Grijalva	Mfume (Brown)	Wilson (FL)
(Stanton)		(Hayes)

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2021

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the